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- Reduction in Number of White-Collar Workers: Once again there is a drive on for transferring administrative employees into production. During the first six months of 1955, some 8,300 clerical employees under the Ministry of Engineering are to be transferred into production sectors. Another 4,000 workers, who are officially listed as manual workers, are, in effect, performing various clerical duties at the present time. These, too, are to return to their original jobs. 25X1
- Stiffening of Wage Norms: Wage norms of workers in the large Odkolek Bakeries, in Prague-Vysocany, have been revised. As a result, the workers were called upon to increase their output per wage-hour "voluntarily". They flatly refused to do so, whereupon an order was issued to this effect, together with a warning that anybody who failed to comply would be transferred to the coal mines.
- New Factory in Mlada Boleslav: A new plant, which is to produce metal goods, is under construction in Mlada Boleslav. 25X1
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- Recruitment of Youth for the Metallurgical Industry: Children of the age of 14, that is, of the age at which they leave school, are being recruited for the metallurgical industry. The recruitment drive applies especially to girls, who are to be trained as lathe operators.
- Visit of Domestic Trade Delegation to the USSR: In 1954, the Ministry of Domestic Trade sent a special delegation to the USSR to study Soviet methods of retail trade. The delegation returned to Prague just before Christmas 1954. It is expected that the number of sales clerks in retail trade will be reduced by about 10 percent as a result of what the delegates learned in the USSR. The delegation declared that various measures recently introduced in Czechoslovak retailing have been rejected by the USSR as unsuitable and obsolete. 25X1
this is evidently another move to supply additional labor for the heavy industries. 25X1
- Shortage of Paper Supplies: The allocation of paper to all enterprises has been reduced by 20 percent as compared with quotas allocated in 1954.

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